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"501 — Second To None!"

Stories from around the Wing, AF

501st CSW hosts annual awards, innovative guest speaker

The 501st Combat Support Wing blended the heritage of the wing and the future of the Air Force through an unexpected guest speaker at the Annual Awards Ceremony Feb. 3.

In his introduction of the guest speaker, Col. Brian Kelly, 501st CSW commander, spoke of the heritage displayed in the wing's logo, and the symbolism of the griffin used to represent the wing in that logo.

501st CSW social media sites open to all

The past year has seen tremendous growth in the 501st Combat Support Wing's social media accounts, especially the wing's Facebook page. The Facebook page had only been accessible by users with Facebook accounts, but now anyone can view the wing's page by [clicking here](#).

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The big picture What's going on in the wing and the Air Force

The phrases resource-constrained times and fiscal austerity have become common-place descriptors of why we need to become even more efficient. Unfortunately, there has only been limited discussion or firm examples to help us understand exactly what resource-constrained times actually mean to us as an Air Force and a wing.

However, in the last couple of weeks Air Force leadership flushed this out and released more definitive information regarding proposed reductions. These reductions are all designed to gain efficiencies and reduce costs to the American taxpayer. If you haven't seen it, last Friday Secretary Donley and General Schwartz briefed the media about the Air Force strategic choices and budget priorities. The briefing highlighted the force structure changes the Air Force is proposing, specifically retiring 286 aircraft during the next five years, including 227 in the next fiscal year.

While we won't know more about specific force structure actions and locations until the actual budget is released, it is clear the Air Force will become smaller while our mission will remain the same.

Usually during these times, our first reaction as Airmen is to increase our effort and work harder to ensure our mission. This is indicative of the no-fail attitude and incredible work ethic you have as Airmen and is also when we usually hear the term, "Doing more with less."

During these resource-constrained times, I would say our challenge is to do just the opposite without losing our no-fail attitude and ethos. We want to meet mission and remain efficient but we want to do so by "Doing less with less." This is why we talk about being "innovative" and why we talk about identifying processes in need of change or those that we can stop doing altogether. We certainly want to maintain that great no-fail attitude you all have, but at the same

time we don't want hard work to be our sole solution for meeting mission and remaining efficient.

As we stop engaging in some work and halt unnecessary processes, we can't let our Airmen do more with less or break themselves trying to accomplish tasks during these resource constrained times. As leaders, we all must be aware of and prepared to counter this trend before it causes extra stress on our workforce. We need to channel the natural can-do attitude and energy of our Airmen into identifying things we can stop doing, into improving our processes, and into enhancing our capabilities to enable intelligence, communications and global strike operations without killing ourselves. This is a difficult balance and a tough challenge, but one I know you are up to achieving. Thanks for all you do each week!

-Col. Kelly

Going Local: Base Community Events

RAF Menwith Hill



- The Youth Center needs volunteers for youth baseball coaches and officials. If interested call 262-7554 or stop by the Youth Center.
- The chapel is hosting a Men's Spiritual retreat March 16-18. For more information call 262-7850.

RAF Croughton



- There is a Marriage Enrichment Seminar hosted by the chapel Feb. 17 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. To make a reservation call 236-8287.
- The National Prayer Breakfast is at 8 a.m. Feb. 28 at the Community Activity Center. Tickets are \$5.
- Volunteers are needed to help oversee 4-H, Key-stone and Torch clubs for youth ages 9-18 at the Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning March 6. If interested contact Michael Fisher at 236-8420.
- ITT has a trip to Dublin for St. Patrick's Day. Call 236-8585 for more information.

RAF Alconbury



- The Feltwell Veterinary Clinic will be at Building 539 from 9 a.m. - noon Feb. 14. To make a reservation call 226-7097.
- Outdoor Recreation has a trip to the Peak District Feb. 19-20. For more information call 268-3734.
- ITT has a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester Feb. 25. For more information call 268-3704.
- ITT has a new trip to Hardwick Hall March 3 at 9 a.m. For more information call 268-3704.

Stavanger



- There is a day ski trip to Souda leaving at 8 a.m. March 3. Cost is 360 NOK and includes a ski pass. To register contact jwc.registration@jwc.nato.int.
- Contact Outdoor Recreation to find out about upcoming skiing and snow shoeing lessons.

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Left: The 2011 501st Combat Support Wing Annual Award winners are: Sarah Williams, Sukedev Kalyan, Lori Dunn, Staff Sgt. James Stacy, Capt. Jaroslaw Zrodowski, Master Sgt. Dennis Dyke, Master Sgt. Gabriel Browning, Tech. Sgt. Michael Pendleton and Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Niesen. They will represent the 501st CSW at the 2011 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Annual Awards at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. **Right:** Airman 1st Class Nicholas Mylius, 423rd Security Forces Squadron, was the guest speaker for the annual awards dinner Feb. 3. He spoke about what his generation looks for in a leader.



Because wireless networks do not require a wire between a computer and the internet connection, it is possible for attackers who are within range to hijack or intercept an unprotected connection. A practice known as wardriving involves individuals equipped with a computer, a wireless card, and a GPS device driving through areas in search of wireless networks and identifying the specific coordinates of a network location. This information is then usually posted online. Some individuals who participate in or take advantage of wardriving have malicious intent and could use this information to hijack your home wireless network or intercept the connection between your computer and a particular hotspot.

How to minimize the risks to your wireless network.
 *Change default passwords - Most network devices, including wireless access points, are pre-configured with default administrator passwords to simplify setup. These default passwords are easily found online, so they don't provide any protection. Changing default passwords makes it harder for attackers to take control of the device.

*Restrict access - Only allow authorized users to access your network. Each piece of hardware connected to a network has a media access control address. You can restrict or allow access to your network by filtering MAC addresses. Consult your user documentation to get specific information about enabling these features. There are also several technologies available that require wireless users to authenticate before accessing the network.

*Encrypt the data on your network - Wired Equivalent Privacy and Wi-Fi Protected Access both encrypt information on wireless devices. However, WEP has a number of security issues that make it less effective than WPA, so you should specifically look for gear that supports encryption via WPA. Encrypting the data would prevent anyone who might be able to access your network from viewing your data.

*Protect the public name of your wireless network known as an SSID - To avoid outsiders easily accessing your network, avoid publicizing your SSID. Consult your user documentation to see if you can change the default SSID to make it more difficult to guess.

Wing Calendar

(A) Alconbury (C) Croughton
 (F) Fairford (M) Molesworth (U) Upwood
 (MH) Menwith Hill (W) Welford (S) Stavanger

12	13	14 Vet Visit (A)	15 Vet Visit (C)	16	17 Black History Month Then and Now Panel (C)	18 ITT Trip to York (A)
19 Outdoor Rec Trip to Peak District (A)	20 Federal Holiday	21	22	23	24 Teen Night (C)	25 ITT Trip to Stoke-On- Trent Pottery Tour (C)